

*Proposals by the Honorable Captain  
Cochrane for raising a new Corps in  
America*

Captain Cochrane has been in the Army upwards of Eighteen years during which time he has hardly ever been absent from his duty or service and has acted for some years past as Major of the British Legion in America

Before his departure from New York Sir Henry Clinton was pleased to express a desire of serving Captain Cochrane. He therefore solicited his Excellency's countenance to his raising a new Corps or second Battalion to the British Legion.

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Sir Henry Clinton was pleased to signify his approbation, and to say, that if it hereafter takes place He wishes to annex to whatever Corps Captain Cochrane raises a body of men to the number of 300. who shall be ready to man the Flat boats for Transporting the Army, The Armed vessels for covering their landing or Guarding the Inland Navigation and carry Intelligence from one Province to another.

His Excellency was pleased to refer Captain Cochrane to General Dalrymple who would digest such a proposal for the good of the Service

The following advantages might be expected to attend such an Establishment.

It will bring into our service a number of Maritime and other people who have heretofore been averse to take the ostensible part of Fighting with us



Yet will be ready to contribute their service in this less  
Conspicuous line.

Attention is given to withdraw from the Enemy  
their Artificers of every Denomination and provide for  
them in this Corps, it will act in a Double proportion in  
our favour by getting what we deprive them of.

Many good Consequences may be expected from  
such Encouragement and by Arranging them according  
to their abilities or Zeal they will render essential service  
to Government on very reasonable terms. If employed  
when not on other duties in building boats and armed  
vessels for the use of the service and manning those  
vessels with the Dependants of the Corps whose  
inclinations and turn lead them to commence actively  
for us we may induce many who as yet have kept  
back from acting for us, to begin by degrees and adopt  
more active sentiments, and latterly afford the fullest  
Exertions in their power.

Such an Establishment will point out a Rendezvous  
to all unemployed adherents who do not Contribute their  
services in the field; Numbers must come to it for  
employment, and <sup>the</sup> produce of their labour (which will  
not cost Government the third of the present expence)  
will soon raise a powerful fleet of Cruizers which will  
benefit those employed in them, distress our Enemies  
and protect our own trade.

Such 300 Men to be enlisted and disciplined upon the  
same footing as the other part of the Corps are with  
this difference that when employed in working  
They shall receive double subsistence.



The knowledge Captain Cochran has of the People  
and Country the attention he has paid to study those who  
compose the Army and turn them to the best advantage  
for the service, and his own Attachment for the  
possession induce him to hope, if entrusted with the  
conducting this new appointment either according to  
the above Idea or on any similar one which it may  
please Government to adopt.

That if honored with the Command and  
Rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Army He will  
execute it to the Advantage of Government and his  
own Credit.



